

Production of Khadi

4445. SHRI NITISH BHARADWAJ : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

- (a) whether production in Khadi has been declined during the last three years in the country;
- (b) if so, the percentage of decline during each of the last three years alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to augment production of Khadi;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Khadi is still being exported;
- (f) if so, the names of the countries to whom Khadi is being exported; and
- (g) the amount of foreign exchange earned by such export during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) There has been no decline in Khadi production in terms of value during the last three years. However, in terms of quantity, production has declined from 98.72 million sq. mtrs. in 1993-94 to 90.84 million sq. mts. in 1994-95.

(b) The decline at khadi production in terms of quantity from 1993-94 to 1994-95 was about 8 percent. The reasons attributable to this decline were increase in the price of cotton which is the raw material for khadi, switching over by the units to the production of finer counts of khadi from coarse variety, taking up of poly vastra programme by more number of khadi institutions and constraints of fund.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government of India constituted a Working Group on 9th Plan pertaining to Khadi and Village Industries Programme. This has recommended increase in khadi production from the estimated level of 125 million sq meters in 1996-97 to 281.12 million sq meters by the end of 9th five year plan

(e) KVIC is not directly exporting khadi.

(f) and (g) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (e).

Examination for Management Trainee

4446. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :
SHRI LALIT ORAON :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

- (a) whether 10 digit coding was given for computer in written examination held on 8 September 1996 for the management trainee in Coal India Ltd. whereas the Roll number were of 8 digits;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of examiners affected by keeping blank boxes in computer loading in the beginning or at the end inspite of correct names in answer book;
- (d) whether the work related to this competitive written examination was given to a private company;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government to investigate into matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In the answer sheet for roll number 10 boxes were there, though the roll numbers of candidates were of 8 digits. On the basis of past experience, the agency which conducted the examination knew that maximum 10 digits are needed for a Roll Number because the digits given in a roll number denote a number of informations like centre code, post code, discipline code, category code, sex code and finally serial number, generally consisting of four or five digits depending upon the number of candidates. In the instant case roll number of 08 digits only were sufficient. However, no examinee was affected for leaving blank spaces either at the beginning or at the end of the Roll number. The only requirement was that the candidates should write the roll number correctly without keeping any blank space in between two numbers.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. There is no infrastructure within the company to conduct written examination of this magnitude at different centres on all India basis on a particular date involving 11,321 candidates. Hence CIL invited quotations from several such agencies and constituted a High Power Committee to decide upon the matter and the committee after observing all the procedural formalities recommended that Indian Institute of Psychometry, Calcutta may be given the job being the lowest quoted rate as well as having a long experience of conducting such examination

(f) Does not arise.